Procurement of Rice and Wheat from Different States

2376. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice and wheat procured from different States for storage and distribution, State-wise;

(b) what is its percentage out of total production of wheat and rice in the States;

(c) the reasons for large variation in above percentage in different States;

(d) the reasons for less procurement of rice and wheat in comparison to its production in Bihar; and

(e) what efforts are being made to increase this percentage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM-RAJU): (a) and (b) A statement showing State-wise production, procurement and percentage of procurement to production of wheat and rice, during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 (only procurement of wheat and rice) is enclosed at statement (*see* below) State-wise production figures of wheat and rice for the year 2001-2002 is not available.

(c) Procurement level in a State would depend upon the availability of marketable surplus. In States where marketable surplus is higher, the procurement will be more.

(d) Adequate infrastructure conducive to large procurement operations is not yet fully available in Bihar. The State does not have regulated Markets and lack of village connectivity and insufficient milling capacity contribute towards less procurement in the State.

(e) Inspite of lack of infrastructure necessary for procurement, FCI opened 40 purchase centres during current Kharif Marketing Season 2001-02 in consultation with the State Government of Bihar. During Kharif Marketing Season 2001-02, a quantity of about 89,000 tonnes of rice has been procured so far as compared to about 18,000 tonnes during 2000-01 Kharif Marketing Season.

Statement

Statewise Production, Procurement and Percentage of procurement to production of Wheat and Rice for the last 3 years

(In '000 Tonnes)

States/ U.T.	1990-00						2000-01						2001-2002					
	Wheat			Rice			Wheat			Rice			Wheat			Rice		
	Prod. (1999-2000)	Proc. (1999-2000)	%of proc. to prod.	Prod. (1998-1999)	Proc. (1999-2000)	%of proc. to prod.	Prod. (2000-01)	Proc. (2000-01)	%of proc. to prod.	Prod. (1999-2000)	Proc. (2000-01)	%of proc. to prod.	*Prod. (2001-02)	Proc. (2001-02)	%of proc. to prod.	Prod. (2000-01)	@Proc. (2001-02)	%of proc. to prod.
Andhra Pradesh	9	—	—	11878	5498	46.3	6	—	—	10638	7173	67.43	N.A.	—	—	11448	6311	55.13
Arunachal Pradesh	5	—	—	114	—	—	5	—	—	135	—	—	N.A.	—	—	126	—	—
Assam	98	—	—	3255	—	—	86	—	—	3861	—	—	N.A.	—	—	3999	—	—
Bihar	4687	Neg.	—	6769	20	0.3	4497	—	—	7252	18	0.25	N.A.	43	—	5417	89	1.64
Chattisgarh	—	—	—	—	—	—	65	—	—	—	855	—	N.A.	—	—	3238	1743	53.83
Haryana	9650	3870	40.10	2425	986	40.7	9652	4498	46.60	2583	1477	57.18	N.A.	6407	—	2684	1475	54.96
H.P.	583	—	—	118	—	—	588	—	—	120	1	0.83	N.A.	2	—	125	11	8.80
Karnataka	218	—	—	3657	111	3.0	244	—	—	3717	230	6.19	N.A	—	—	3734	137	3.67
M.P.	8685	542	6.24	5061	1102	21.8	3887	351	9.03	6377	175	2.74	N.A.	294	—	960	272	28.33

Maha-rashtra	1436	—	—	2468	51	2.1	948	—	—	2559	36	1.41	N.A	—	—	1945	135	6.94
Orissa	8	—	—	5391	889	16.5	13	—	—	5187	918	17.70	N.A	—	—	4614	1085	23.52
Punjab	15910	7832	49.23	7940	6787	85.5	15551	9424	60.60	8716	6935	79.57	N.A	10560	—	9154	7229	78.97
Rajasthan	6732	637	9.46	206	32	15.5	5554	539	9.70	253	26	10.28	N.A	676	—	156	39	25.00
Uttaranchal	—	—	—	—	—	—	715	—	—	—	42	—	N.A	140	—	622	237	38.10
U.P.	25976	1261	4.85	11387	1421	12.5	24940	1545	6.19	13231	1172	8.86	N.A	2446	—	11540	1684	14.59
W. Bengal	851	—	—	13317	351	2.6	1059	—	—	13760	—	—	N.A.	—	—	12428	48	0.39
Chandigarh	—	—	—	—	15	—		—	—		—	—	N.A.	12	—	—	—	—
Delhi	31	2	—	6	6	100.0	29	—	—	7	—	—	N.A.	50	—	5	—	—
Pondicherry	—	—	—	51	8	15.7		—	—	59	40	67.80	N.A.	—	—	61	11	18.03
Gujarat	1020	Neg.	—	1016	—	—	649	—	—	985	—	—	N.A.	—	—	1014	—	—
J & K	434	—	—	589	—	—	145	—	—	391	—	—	N.A.	—	—	415	—	—
Tamil Nadu	—	—	—	8141	933	11.5		—	—	7532	1720	22.84	N.A.	—	—	7218	865	11.98
Others	36	—	—	2288	—	—	130		—	2320	—	—	N.A.	—	—	3968	—	—
TOTAL :	76369	14144	18.52	86077	18210	21.16	68763	16357	23.79	89683	20818	23.21	73530	20630	28.06	84871	21371	25.18

Neg. — below 500 tonnes.
* — State-wise production data not available with Ministry of Agriculture.
@ — Position as on 05-08-2002.